



2011 “The Augur” Riesling
Kick On Ranch Vineyard, Los Alamos, Santa Barbara County
20 cases produced

- ABV: 13.8%
- pH: 3.2
- TA: 0.695 g/100mL
- Vines planted in 2001
- Vineyard soils: Ancient beach & diatomaceous earth, chert, limestone
- Hand-picked at sunrise
- 50-60% botrytized clusters (late-season rain followed by a heat spell)
- Whole-cluster direct-to-press
- Fermentation vessels: Neutral French oak barrels
- Native fermentation, partial malolactic
- 30 ppm SO₂ in two additions after primary (the only additions of any kind)
- Unfined, unfiltered, not cold-stabilized
- The Name: Each of our wines from Kick On Ranch bears a Latin name. An augur was a Roman official who foretold future peace and prosperity through the flight patterns of birds. When we first visited this vineyard in 2010 in search of Riesling, the grapes hung on the vines without the protection of bird netting. We asked the vineyard manager why, and he said the fruit had so much acid “the birds don’t want it.” (We then knew, right away, that we did.)